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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Army NATO Brigade (USANATO) Policy Letter # 29, Fraternization

- 1. An assignment to the US Army NATO Brigade presents a challenging and exciting opportunity for many Soldiers to work with individuals deriving from the various NATO nations. Commanders at all levels must ensure that our Soldiers conduct themselves appropriately at all times in an effort to maintain good order and discipline within the organization in reference to their multinational functions. Prohibiting fraternization is an important part of this order.
- 2. Fraternization or the development of inappropriate relationships with US Army and other US service members is prohibited and punishable under Article 92 of the UCMJ IAW paragraph 4-16 of AR 600-20. Specific prohibited relationships can be found in paragraph 4-14c of AR 600-20.
- 3. The rules of fraternization in this command include prohibiting inappropriate relationships between US Army Soldiers and service members from foreign military personnel. Accordingly, Article 143 of the UCMJ will be utilized as a basis for punishment for inappropriate fraternization between US Soldiers and service members of foreign military members.
- 4. Paragraph 4-14b of AR 600-20 prohibits relationships between Soldiers of different ranks when they violate any of the following criteria:
- a. compromise, or appear to compromise the integrity of the supervisory authority or chain of command;
 - b. cause actual or perceived partiality or unfairness
 - c. involve, or appear to involve, the improper use of rank or position for personal gain;
 - d. are, or are perceived to be, exploitative or coercive in nature;
- e. create an actual or clearly predictable adverse impact on discipline, authority, morale, or the ability of the command to accomplish its mission.
- 5. Commanders at all levels are charged with the task of ensuring our Soldiers remain great ambassadors for our nation. As such, instances of improper fraternization are prohibited between Soldiers of different ranks across the service lines within the USA Army NATO Brigade.

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